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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Mr Baldwin,

Please allow a re-examination of the Development Consent Order for the project to enlarge the highway and build a tunnel near the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge. This world-famous ancient monument and its surroundings, which are rich in archaeological treasures and are part of the site, require the utmost care and protection. Roads and vehicles come and go, and change over time, but Stonehenge endures.

I should further like you to note that National Highways have not made any changes to their Scheme in response to the decision of the World Heritage Committee. Nor have they acknowledged that the Secretary of State found that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "Significantly adverse".

National Highways have not fully assessed alternative, less damaging routes, such as a southern by-pass, neither have they explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. They appear to disregard the rarity and importance of such a site, and to take little account of the views of experts who study the five-thousand-year-old structure, and the public who find it fascinating. They have not updated the costs of construction.

Climate Change is an urgent and ever growing concern, and yet there has been no assessment of the carbon costs of the scheme, or the loss of habitat it would cause. The Scheme is out of date and not fit for purpose, and I urge you to require the Development Consent Order to be re-examined.

As a member of the public who values this extraordinary and mysterious monument, and its site on Salisbury Plain, which holds the key to why it was built there, I strongly oppose this road scheme, which impinges on it for the comparatively trivial reason of speeding up passing traffic. I hope the scheme can be redesigned to avoid such an act of wanton vandalism, which would have international repercussions and might cause the loss of the designation of Stonehenge as a World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely,

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